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**ARIZONA MAN SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON
FOR ROLE IN MULTI-STATE METHAMPHETAMINE RING**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 39-year-old Javier Hernandez of Mesa, Arizona, was sentenced to 135 months in federal prison today, to be followed by five years of supervised release, as a consequence of his involvement in a multi-state methamphetamine ring.

Hernandez was convicted by a Midland jury on February 2, 2007, for possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute; using a communication facility (Federal Express) to further drug trafficking; and conspiracy. Testimony at trial established that from September 2005 thru March 2006, when the methamphetamine ring was broken up by police, Hernandez and co-conspirator Charles Reiland of Phoenix supplied in excess of 1.2 kilograms of methamphetamine to local drug dealers to further distribute in the Permian Basin. According to evidence presented at trial, local dealers would either travel to Arizona to pick up the drug supplies from Hernandez and Reiland, or the pair would utilize Federal Express to overnight methamphetamine to Texas.

Hernandez is the last of nine conspirators to be sentenced in this case. Others previously convicted of and sentenced for charges arising out of the conspiracy are:

Reiland, 35, of Phoenix: 188 months in federal prison;
James Douglas Button, 50, of Granbury, Texas: 192 months in federal prison;
Mark Richard Burton, 42, of Odessa: 46 months in federal prison;
Christina Marie Wilson, 36, of Odessa: 110 months in federal prison;
Kymberlee Jo Clary, 39, of Odessa: 121 months in federal prison;
Forrest Wayne Lawrence, 37, of Midland: 150 months in federal prison;
Jessie Marie Talley, 27, of Odessa: 30 months in federal prison; and,
Kara Dee Davis, 42, of Odessa, 41 months in federal prison.

The case was investigated by the Midland Police Department and the United States Marshal's Service. Federal Express also cooperated with the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey Parras prosecuted the case for the government.

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